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High Priced Hogs Beats World's Record

Carter & Vandeventer's Sale Bring
Buyers Here From Many States—
Ten Sold Averaged \$1,272 Each.

Poland China sows at the Carter-Vandeventer sale in Mexico Saturday broke the World's record. The first animal sold brot \$2,500. The

There were buyers here from Kansas, Texas, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Arkansas, and other States.

The auctioneers were Cois. Harve Duncan of Clearfield, Iowa, and E. H. Harriman of Bunceton, Mo.

Among the sales were the following: Buster's Best, bred to Carter & Vandeventer's great boar, Gerstdale Jones, bot by Moore Bros. & Co., Gardner, Kansas, for \$2,500.

Gerstdale Queen sold to J. W. Williams & Son, Bryan, Ind., for \$1,350. Gerstdale Lady Buster to Bert Poters, Evanston, Ill., \$1,550.

Daisy A., to E. B. Frazier, Drexel, Mo., \$1,300.

Mouw's Chief Lady 2nd, to E. B. Frazier, Drexel, Mo., \$2,025.

Wonder Giantess to J. H. Burnett, Kingston, Texas, \$1,000.

Miss King to Winn Bros., Mexico, Mo., \$800.

A substitute, to Darrock & Darrock, Cayugh, Ind., \$595.

Joe's Lady Jumbo to Dale S. Rumble, Livingston, Wis., \$900.

Catherine Giantess, Dr. H. D. Book & Son Robards, Kansas, \$700.

Miss Monster 2nd, W. B. Wallace, Bunceton, Mo., \$675.

Black Lady, G. F. Hahn, Nebraska, \$325.

Smooth Lady, Thomas Donaldson, Freeburg, Mo., \$410.

Joe's Giantess, E. G. Fisher, King City, Mo., \$385.

Big Smooth Orange, E. E. Marlow & Son, Wellsville, Mo., \$410.

Giantess Wonder, J. M. Hutton, Maryville, Tenn., \$370.

Jumbo Maid 2nd, Jones & Pike, Centerville, Ind., \$735.

Big Lady Giantess, F. L. Ryan, Plankinton, South Dakota.

Bob's Maid, H. L. Pritchett, New London, Mo., \$365.

Leading Girl 2nd, J. R. Young, Richards, Mo., \$450.

Miss Smooth Bob, W. J. Lochridge, Fayette, Mo., \$560.

Big Lady, J. W. Williams & Son, Bryant, Ind., \$435.

Lady Wonder, George Lenior, Armstrong, Mo., \$400.

Frazier's Model, Wilver Dell Farm, St. Joseph, Mo., \$450.

Orange Josie, A. O. Boyd, Columbia, Mo., \$525.

Giant Buster Gilt, H. C. Bigelow, Gardner, Kan., \$325.

King's May, Bert Harriman, Pilot Grove, Mo., \$450.

Lady Jumbo, Bridges Bros., Slater, Mo., \$525.

Lady Masterpiece, George Hinckle, Forest City, Mo., \$480.

Big Josephine, R. L. Harriman, Bunceton, Mo., \$450.

Miss Monster, E. C. Matthews, Skeston, Mo., \$450.

Miss Monster, W. B. Wallace, Bunceton, Mo., \$675.

Smooth Maid, H. C. Blake, Mahoketa, Iowa, \$525.

Big Bone Nelle, J. H. Burnett, Texas, \$475.

Miss Model Big B., E. W. Nelson, Hannibal, Mo., \$430.

Big Bone Maid, E. E. Marlow & Son, Wellsville, Mo., \$435.

Orange Giantess, J. H. Burnett, Kingston, Texas, \$400.

Miss King, F. J. Engleman, Freedom, Kan., \$950.

Wonder Rose, Gooding Bros., Atlanta, Mo., \$1,225.

THE WEATHER.

Yes, Ground Hog saw his shadow. You know what to expect now for six weeks. All the same, the Weather Man has been behaving better. It's warmer—every prospect pleased.

MEXICO PEOPLE AND — SOME OTHERS, ALSO.

Mrs. Sam Bise visited her cousin of Laddonia, last week. Mrs. Guy Biddle.

Herbert Pryor and family moved to Rector, Ark., this week. They will reside on a farm. Mr. Pryor lately resigned as superintendent of the Mexico schools.

Austin Dixon, brother of Mrs. C. A. Mitchell of Mexico, has been put in full charge of the fire brick plant at New Florence.

A marriage license was issued in Mexico Saturday to Roland W. Banks of Martinsburg and Miss Pauline Deichman of Laddonia.

Gray Hook who has been quite ill for some time is much improved lately. Mr. Hook is past four score and ten years of age.

John R. Knight one of Mexico's hotel men, went to Montgomery City last week to take the test for the army draft. Just before the exam. he drank a quart of water to be sure that he would not come under the required weight. He's a knight indeed.

Clyde Smith of Vandalia is taking treatment in the Mexico Hospital.

Mrs. Reuben Sims of Thompson is a patient in the Mexico Hospital.

Miss Clela Whiteside, with Ragsdale's Cash Store here, was called to Denver, Colo., recently by the serious illness of her sister at that place. Mrs. Wm. Wallace.

J. J. Wakefield has returned from a visit to relatives and friends in Ohio.

Mrs. George Clanton is visiting at Roodhouse, Ill.

Mrs. J. A. Glandon is entertaining Mrs. T. F. McBride of Portland, Oregon.

Miss Mary McClintic of near Laddonia visited Mrs. J. G. Moore in Mexico last week.

The postmasters of Audrain met in Mexico last week and perfected further arrangements for the sale of War Stamps in the county.

The Standard Oil Co. has leased from S. and N. Phillip the old Air-dome lot for five years. The Standard proposes to erect a modern oil filling station on the ground.

Mr. A. Zaugg and daughter, Miss Hattie Zaugg, of Centralia, visited S. L. Robison and family in Mexico first of the week. Mr. Zaugg and daughter are arranging to move to Colorado Springs, Colo., in a short time.

Lady Bob's Giantess, Robert High, DeWitt, Ia., \$425.

Joe Chief's Lady 3, C. M. Jones, Hiawatha, Kans., \$400.

Joe Chief's Lady, A. O. Boyd, Columbia, Mo., \$525.

That Red Cross Pig.

W. I. Britt of near Rush Hill had donated a thoroughbred Poland China, Glen Princess, for the benefit of the Red Cross. Carter & Vandeventer offered the service of Gerstdale Jones to go with the animal in addition. Glen Princess was knocked off to Moore Bros. of Gardner, Kan., for \$210. They graciously offered her to be sold again when she was bid in by Lambert of Lohman, Mo.

Rush Hill Community Church is installing a lighting system—acetylene gas. The church is out of debt and has money ahead to do things.

CLASSIFICATION FROM DISTRICT BOARD.

Classifications By District Draft Board: Class 2.

Frank J. Kernoch, Martinsburg. Earl Snell, Clark.

Walker Baker, Mexico. Paddy E. Sheldon, Thompson.

Carl J. Weinand, Mexico. Carl Willis, Mexico.

Francis J. Swanton, Mexico. William Teague, Farber.

Frank J. Bertels, Martinsburg. Francis N. James, Laddonia.

Joe L. Beagles, Laddonia. Patrick M. Mudd, Mexico.

Melvin E. Ash, Vandalia. Walter A. Young, Molino.

Claud L. Hoffman, Centralia. Ray. Cox, Wellsville.

Robert Fritsch, Mexico. Otto G. Nichols, Molino.

James C. Phillips, Laddonia. John J. Reynolds, Clark.

Stanley J. McDonald, Centralia. Guy Turner, Centralia.

Cecil C. Llewellyn, Laddonia. James W. Jennings, Wellsville.

Anthony Harris, Mexico. Otto Niederschulte, Mexico.

Wilbur Kunkel, Mexico. Sylvester Eddy, Audrain County.

Frederick Marshall, Thompson. Estel K. Dunkin, Mexico.

Class 3.—Elery B. Pool, Centralia. William T. Berrey, Thompson.

Rossie Pease, Centralia. Edward Fennwald, Martinsburg.

Oliver E. Bonsall, Laddonia. Charles L. Brenton, Benton City.

Alsin G. Burton, Centralia. Jack Kennan, Thompson.

Caleb F. Cornett, Rush Hill. Earl T. Jesse, Mexico.

Cy C. Harrison, Mexico. Charles B. Whittedge, Vandalia.

Grant H. Morthland, Molino. Richard B. Edwards, Centralia.

Oliver C. Fisher, Gazette. Roy E. Tribble, Centralia.

Raymond I. Pollard, Sturgeon. Roland W. Banks, Martinsburg.

Guy V. Fairchild, Benton City. Henry Youngblood, Laddonia.

Louis L. Hofriehrer, Molino. James G. Robertson, Mexico.

John C. Thomas, Benton City. Cyrus L. Pierce, Molino.

Lloyd O. Kilbourn, Centralia. Luther C. Reed, Auxvasse.

Arnold Steward, Centralia. John W. Murphy, Thompson.

Joshua A. Parks, Clark. August L. Klusman, Mexico.

Allen G. Smith, Laddonia. Gus F. Anderson, Centralia.

Paul M. Everhart, Clark. Cleve H. Winders, Vandalia.

Curtis B. Slevers, Centralia. Wm. F. Wilmshorst, Benton City.

Carl Jesse, Thompson. Class 4.—

Clyde E. Barnard, Laddonia. Emil G. Apel, Martinsburg.

Grover G. Sims, Thompson. Marcus B. Ridgeway, Molino.

Bartlett H. Martens, Rush Hill. Lora A. Shock, Mexico.

William Shotwell, Farber. James S. Dulaney, Clark.

Ola S. Doyle, Farber. Clayton W. Snook, Mexico.

David H. Nation, Vandalia. Clarence E. Slevers, Centralia.

Frank C. James, Mexico. Ernest L. Ball, Rush Hill.

James H. Quinlan, Mexico. August H. Bertels, Martinsburg.

Larry B. Spotzer, Laddonia. Marshall B. Hagar, Laddonia.

Ernest Davis, Centralia. Lawrence Davis, Centralia.

Chas. B. C. Watts, Mexico. Anthony F. Schrader, Martinsburg.

Lewis F. Callaway, Thompson. Michael A. Devaney, Rush Hill.

Frank Erdel, Jr., Mexico. Class 5.—Harold R. Blair, Mexico.

John F. Adams, Mexico.

FARM AND STOCK.

Ross Ewing sold Ed. Pilcher hay last week at the rate of \$21 per ton.

More hogs better cared for. That should be one of your watchwords, Mr. Farmer.

Rose Ewing of Long Branch sold 200 bushels of oats recently at 75 cents a bushel.

Horace Mundy and Son sold two loads of hogs on the market last week at \$16.35.

Wesley Winn sold 120 fat steers on the market last week. The animals averaged 1,126 lbs. and brot \$11.60.

Butter is said to be selling in Berlin at \$2.25 a pound, sugar at 56 cents a pound, ham and bacon at \$2.11 a pound and Ivory soap five bars for \$1.12.

W. I. Britt of near Rush Hill is one of the happiest men in the county—that his fine Poland China sold so handsomely for the Red Cross at the Carter-Vandeventer sale in Mexico Saturday.

Bob Dye informs the Paris Appeal that nearly 200 head of mule footed hogs are owned by farmers around Perry. These hogs, says Bob, are just immune from cholera as Billy Goat, and, except for the fact that their feet are like a mule's, they look like black Polands.

The Centralia Courier says: J. H. Starr purchased 188 head or Western yearling breeding ewes from Rowe & McGowan of near Rowena last week at \$20 per head for the Wood & Houston Bank at Marshall, which institution is furnishing the ewes for a Boy' and Girls' Sheep Club.

Saddle horses do not pay to raise any more, unless they chance to develop into show stuff and catch the fancy of a millionaire, who plays with the pretty animals, says the Monroe City News. Two fillets offered at John Buckman's sale last week, two and three years old, eligible to registry, sold for \$19 and \$25 respectively.

Good brood sows at the Dicus and Sims sale last week sold for \$35 to \$50. Stock hogs from \$16 to \$20, yearling steers brot an average of \$60. Calves \$30 to \$50, and mules sold at \$400 to \$590 a span. Best corn sold at \$1.64 a bushel and medium grade brot \$1.27. Oat straw brot \$17.50 and oats 76 1-2 cents.

MRS. PINK BROWN.

Mrs. C. M. Brown, 37 years old, who lived north of Hutton, died Wednesday night of last week at the home of her sister, Mrs. Reed Burke, in Audrain County. The funeral was held at Westminster Church, at Hutton, Friday morning, conducted by Rev. A. A. Wallace, of Mexico.

Mrs. Brown had been in declining health since last spring. She was a fine woman and was beloved by a large circle of friends.

The husband survives. There are three children—Harold, Arthur and Helen. Three brothers are living—John Holman, I. W. Holman and Wallace Holman, the latter residing in this county. There are two sisters: Mrs. Reed Burk of this county and Mrs. Mary Offutt of Fulton.

Go to L. W. Roberts for Furniture and Undertaking.

MEXICO SAVINGS BANK

50th Year in Business
Capital Stock \$100,000

R. M. WHITE, President.
J. R. JESSE, Cashier.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH.

Continued Account Of The Plagrimages of W. H. Hook.

After the race was run quite a number gathered at Pond Creek, a small farm, and had special songs while waiting for the train to Caldwell. We reached the town about daybreak, weary and hungry.

I endeavored to preach for a few months at that place. But because of my wife's health we closed our work there and went to Texas where we spent several weeks with relatives. I preached most of the time. We came back to Caldwell and began preparations for a long trip—five we put up with G. T. Hook and W. hundred miles to Mexico, Mo., where R. Kemp until our goods arrived, when we went to housekeeping. We traveled from Caldwell in a spring wagon, well covered. Camped and lived chiefly on wild game. The doctors agreed that that would be the best medicine; and so it proved. All went well for awhile.

My daughter, having lost her husband at Bethany, Mo., came to live with us. Later we moved with her to Bethany where we resided on a farm owned by her. This did not suit me very well. I was called to preach for the church again and I undertook some strenuous work.

I took the work at Ridgeway and Pattonsburg and kept busy. My daughter, Mrs. Cummings, bought a place in Mexico. A short while after my wife passed away and I have been sad and sorrowful ever since. Today I am with my children and know my race is about run.

Mw wife was one of the purest and best women that ever lived. She died in peace with all. She rests from all her labors and, with her baby, sleeps in Elmwood Cemetery at Mexico, Mo., awaiting the resurrection of the just. I next wish to give a short account of our trip to California.

W. H. Hook.

ELEVEN MEN ACCEPTED FIFTY OTHERS CALLED

Thirty-eight men were given physical examination last week by the Local Exemption Board for the second army call and 27 were discharged for physical reasons. The 11 men accepted were:

Edward James Murphy, Mexico. Lee Roe, Mexico. David Wm. Walker, Centralia. Daniel Robert Miller, Rush Hill. Benjamin Oney, Mexico. Wm. Nelson Jones, Mexico. Paul Ray Smith, Mexico. Thos. Lacy Howdershell, Mexico. George Young, Molino. Leopold Barth, Mexico.

For limited service: Frank Cauthorn, Mexico.

H. P. WARDEN PROPOSES "BACON DAY" BY FARMERS.

Jefferson City, Jan. 30.—Gov. Gardner today was urged to appeal to Missouri farmers to set aside a "bacon day" when each farmer shall give a portion of Missouri's bacon and wheat to be sent to the French people as the State's thanks for that nation's aid in the American Revolution.

H. P. Warden of Mexico, Mo., is sponsor for the proposed movement. A number of farmers, according to Warden, have indorsed his proposal.

CLARA MARIE DONNELLY.

The four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Donnelly, Jr., of Mexico, Clara Marie, died early Saturday morning. She had been ill four weeks. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at St. Brendon's Catholic Church, conducted by Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan.

Thursday "Potato Buying Day"

Consumers Urged To Purchase In Quantities Once A Week.

Columbia, Mo., Feb. 4.—F.B. Mumford, federal food administrator for Missouri, has designated Thursday of each week as "Potato buying day" in this state. Consumers are urged to buy potatoes in quantities on this day. More potatoes, less white bread, wheat can be released to our soldiers in France and our associates in the war. Dean Mumford says:

"The U. S. Food Administration has given its approval of a 'potato buying day' in Missouri. The supply of potatoes this year is 90,000,000 bushels in excess of the normal requirement. The present price is one-half of the price a year ago. In contrast to this reduction in potatoes, the increased price of other foods has advanced about thirty per cent. To encourage use of potatoes the Federal Food Administrator for Mo. has fixed Thursday of each week as buying day and urges consumers to buy in quantity on this day. In case Thursday should be inconvenient for the merchant, each merchant is requested to name a day that would be most convenient to himself and his customers. It is recommended that purchasers buy by weight."

If you raised the taters, Mr. Farmer, of course you are not called on to observe "potato buying day". You are fixed all right.

Laddonia bought over \$10,000 in War Stamps. That was fine.

"Everybody works but father." Let dad go at it now, too. No room for any bobs or nabobs in these peripus times.

A thought to which the Kaiser might give earnest heed—"What is it all worth when it is not worth a blamed thing."

People all over the county outside of Mexico are patronizing the Mexico Hospital. Won't they all want to vote yea on that hospital special county election to be held soon?

Figures collected by the Canadian Hospital service indicate that if your boy goes to war he has 2 chances out of 30 of losing his life. He runs only one chance in 500 of losing a limb and less of losing an eye. Ninety per cent of the wounded recover. The surprising conclusion is reached that this war is less destructive of life than the wars of the past.

The one thing that was ready when war was declared was the fleet. Under Bone-Dry Daniels it got into the fray immediately, helped to solve the submarine problem, began to convey an army to France and has augmented its material and personnel in a truly marvelous way. And Daniels is the man the brewers tried to make a martyr. The other fellows last week tried to kill off Baker, too. But did they?

The brewers, in large advertisements over the country, are adopting a "hail fellow, well met" attitude toward President Wilson and Mr. Hoover. Nothing could disgust either of these men quicker. For their own protection they will have to sideswipe the brewers soon.

The wholesale liquor dealers are fostering the spirit of resentment against the French government by distributing pictures of American troops soaking booze.

C. W. Strain was in Chicago on business last week.